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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Daniel SANTI, et al.

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For: ISOLATED GENE FOR

METHYLMALONYL CoA EPIMERASE AND USES THEREOF (As Amended)

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

Please amend the title as follows:

Please delete "Heterologous Production of Polyketides" and insert therefor

--Isolated Gene for Methylmalonyl CoA Epimerase and Uses Thereof--.